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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

This paper is filed in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed February 11, 2003 and having a two month shortened statutory response period. It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, please charge and such additional fees to Centerpulse Deposit Account No. 09-0473.

Applicants previously submitted a computer diskette containing a computer readable form of the sequence listing in the Amendment and Response filed on January 13, 2003. Applicants enclose herewith two (2) replacement diskettes containing the sequence listing. Applicants note that the Problem Report indicates that the computer diskette was melted. It is therefore respectfully requested, should mailroom procedures result in the instant 2 diskettes arriving damaged, that the application be passed to the Examiner for examination, and Applicants be allowed to provide an electronic version of the Sequence Listing by email.



<u>04/10/63</u> Date Respectfully submitted,

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